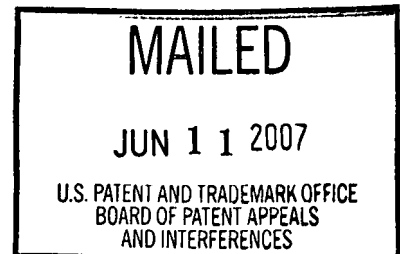


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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte GOPINATHAN K. MENON

Application No. 09/521,442



This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on May 14, 2007. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below.

The full texts of the following prior art references cited in paragraph 8 of the February 9, 2007 Examiner's Answer were not located in the Image File Wrapper (IFW):

Avram, Cellulite: A Review of its Physiology and Treatment, J. Cosmetic & Laser Therapy, Volume 6, 2004.

Van Vliet, An Assessment of Traditional and Novel Therapies for Cellulite, J. Cosmetic & Laser Therapy, Volume 7, 2005.


The full texts of the above listed references are needed to process the appeal properly.

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Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner to have the full texts of the above listed references scanned into the IFW and for such further action as may be appropriate.

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